## 10/590857 IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 25 AUG 2006

### UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| Examiner:.   | Group:   |            | Attorney Docket # 3794   | 4                                  |
|--|--|------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Applicar   | nt(s): DE WIT,                                   | R.,        | ET AL  |                                    |
| Serial N   | o.:  |            |  |                                    |
| Filed:   |  |            |  |                                    |
| For:   | DISCUS   | SSIC       | ON UNIT  |                                    |
|  |  |            |  |                                    |
| INFORM   | ATION DISCL                                      | .os        | URE STATEMENT  |                                    |
|  |  |            |  | August 11, 2006                    |
| Honorable Commissioner for<br>P. O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  | Patents  |            |  |                                    |
| SIRS:  |  |            |  |                                    |
| X In accordance with the E<br>Foreign Search Re<br>reference(s) indicated  | port in a co                                     |            | , Applicant(s) submit(s) h<br>terpart application and                        |                                    |
| In the event that the For thereof is herewith subm   |  | Rep∘       | ort is in a foreign langu  | age, a translation                 |
| X Attached hereto is a l   | FORM PTO 14                                      | 149        | listing the references.  |                                    |
| X_Attached hereto is a coas filed. The specification pursuant to M.P.E.P. So of Relevancy. The refer the specification: page 1 | on itself recit<br>ection 609 A<br>ence(s) appea | tes<br>(3) | the relevance of these<br>this represents an acce                            | e documents, and eptable Statement |
| is being submitted aft   | er receipt of a                                  | n of       | s Information Disclosure fice action. It is respectfount of the undersigned: | ully requested that                |

# 10/590857 IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 25 AUG 2006

### page 2 of 2

| Attached hereto are copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. Since the references are in the English language, no statement of relevancy is submitted.  |
|---|
| Attached hereto is a copy of the Office Action issued in the corresponding German application, together with a translation thereof and copies of the references cited therein. A list of the cited references is also attached. |
| _ Attached hereto copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. An English translation of the reference is also attached.  |
| Attached hereto is a Statement of Relevancy and copies of references cited therein.   |
| Relevancy is indicated either in the English language abstract or an English language equivalent submitted herewith.  |

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Striker Attorney for Applicant(s) Reg. No. 27233

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

|   | FAAAR                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Docket Number (Option I)                  | J 9U Ophotiga Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant(s) APS HEC DECTIFIC 25 AUG 2006 |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filing Date                               | Group Art Unit       |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|                                      |   |                 | U.S        | S. PATENT  | DOCUMENTS           |                      |                   | _                                 |       |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL                 | REF   | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE       |            | NAME                | CLASS                | SUBCLASS          | CLASS FILING DATE  IF APPROPRIATE |       |  |
|                                      |   | 6 216 339       | 04/17/2001 | RICH       |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            | _          |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     | <u> </u>             |                   |                                   |       |  |
| U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL                 | REF   | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE       |            | NAME                | CLASS                | SUBCLASS          | FILING DATE<br>IF APPROPRIATE     |       |  |
| 49                                   | 2003/0059025 03/27/2003 MEYE  |                 | MEYE       | RSON ET AL |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   | ****                              |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   | (     |  |
|                                      |   |                 | FORE       | IGN PATE   | NT DOCUMENTS        |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      | REF         DOCUMENT NUMBER         DATE           0 484 793         05/13/199  |                 | DATE       |            | COUNTRY             | CLASS                | SUBCLASS          | Trans<br>YES                      | NO NO |  |
|                                      |   |                 | 05/13/1992 | EP         |                     |                      |                   | 1                                 |       |  |
|                                      |   | 1 320 244       | 06/18/2003 | EP (WI     | TH ENG. ABST.)      |                      |                   | 1                                 |       |  |
| :                                    |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   | <u> </u>                          |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 | OTHER I    | DOCUMEN    | TS (Including Autho | or, Title, Date, Per | tinent Pages, Etc | :.)                               |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   | _ <del></del>                     |       |  |
|                                      |   |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   | 2°L   |  |
| EXAMINE                              | CR .  |                 |            |            | DATE CONSIDERED     |                      |                   |                                   | Ť     |  |
| EXAMINE<br>not conside               | EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. |                 |            |            |                     |                      |                   |                                   |       |  |